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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION AND FEE FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(5) TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JANUARY 24, 2002**

Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2002 be extended for five months' time, up to and including August 24, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$980.000 for filing the request for extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219. This fee amount reflects the Small Entity status of this application. Please charge any overpayments or credits to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

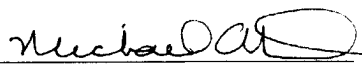
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